



OREGON LEGISLATURE

# Harassment ‘pervasive’ in Salem, women say

House leaders say complaints aren’t limited to Senate; Rep. David Gomberg also accused of inappropriate touching

Gordon R. Friedman *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

The leaders of the Oregon House of Representatives said Friday that they’ve fielded complaints of harassment against a male lawmaker in the House, as well as male staff members and lobbyists.

House Speaker Tina Kotek said two people made informal complaints to her about the conduct of Rep. David Gomberg.

“While our legal advisors did not believe the behavior rose to the level of formal workplace harassment, we nonetheless took these incidents very seriously,” Kotek said in a statement.

“Without going into the specifics of the incidents in order to protect the requested confidentiality of the complainants, I will say that I directly addressed the issues with Rep. Gomberg, and he sought outside support to gain better awareness of his behavior and the impact it has on other individuals,” Kotek said. “The issues were addressed to the satisfaction of the complainants.”

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SPORTS

## Astros take advantage of Game 3 Darvish dud

The Dodgers’ starter gives up four earned runs in 1⅔ innings, and Houston reliever Brad Peacock throws 3⅔ innings of scoreless relief in a 5-3 win to give the Astros a 2-1 lead in the World Series. **C1**



HOMES & GARDENS

## In Eastmoreland, a home fit for a crafter

Laurie Romanaggi has turned thousands of bits and bobbles into a curated collection in her Portland home, using the design sense that helped built a successful vintage crafting business. **B4**

MAX STABBING

# ‘After dad died ...’

Ricky Best’s oldest son talks about his late dad and ‘doing something positive’ with life



**Erik Best, 19, on his dad’s death: “What I want is for it to be remembered as an act that can remind us that we’re all human beings and should come together.”** *Beth Nakamura, staff*

Rob Davis *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

Ricky Best was not simply riding the MAX Green Line home on that Friday evening in late May whose events catapulted Portland into a collective paroxysm of horror. His was not just a rush-hour commute.

The 53-year-old father of four was riding the light rail home to a new family-focused stage of life after two decades in the U.S. Army.

The train carried him toward a waiting family and a

Memorial Day holiday weekend pregnant with plans. A Friday night barbecue. A 40-mile circuit hike around Mount Hood with his kids.

His oldest son, Erik, had gotten busy with his freshman year of college and they hadn’t hiked together in too long.

But five months have passed since that night, and their hike never happened. Erik Best now thinks about how to become the man his father would have wanted, without his dad there to show the way. The 19-year-old tries to draw

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